

Josep Comas i Solà International Summer School in Astrobiology

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The Josep Comas i Solà International Summer School in Astrobiology is taught jointly by the Centro de Astrobiología del CISC-INTA and the NASA Astrobiology Institute at the Santander campus of the Universidad Internacional Menéndez Pelayo (UIMP). The 2005 course will focus on Titan, prebiotic chemistry, and the origin of life. It will be held on July 10-15, 2005. The course combines daily lectures with time for discussions and a field trip to a local K-T boundary section, as well as a world-class evening lecture on a timely and relevant topic. The school is taught in English.

Previous schools included the “The Search for Life on Mars” in 2003, and “Planet Mars” in 2004, the latter featuring Álvaro Giménez, Laurie Leshin, David Paige, Steven Squyres, and John Zarnecki. Both schools were highly successful, bringing in students and lecturers from across Europe and the US and garnering significant media interest and coverage within Spain.

Members of the NAI and the astrobiology community are encouraged to attend the International Summer School. NAI Central offers partial stipends for one member per team. Scholarships are also available through the UIMP. The deadline for applications for NAI support is April 22, 2005. Online applications and additional information can be found at <http://nai.nasa.gov/uimp/titan>